"I'm beat of this mealow the descen," said he. The humble-bes doubted-disputed the right, Bemarking, "I'm little, but ready for fight." Then at it they went, and the first round was claim

For a moment or two the good descen stood fast,

While he swore like a child of original sin Every time the bold bee his sharp etinger stuck in Ye gods! what a conflict! At each warm caress The deacen drew back, showing signs of distress, While the bumble-bee smiled to the end of each wing
As he tickled his foe with the tip of his sting.

The fight was soon turned by the bee to a frolic; He doubled his enemy up like the colle And sent him off home, with his head far from level Remarking, "That bumble-bee stung like the

MANUAL EDUCATION.

What James T. Fields Would Do Were He a

Roy Again. [From the St. Louis Republican.]
I think I would learn to use my left hand as freely as my right one, so that if anything happened to either of them the other would be all ready to write and "handle things," just as if nothing ad occurred. There is no reason in ne world why both hands should not be ducated slike. A little practice would soon render one set of fingers as expert No. 61 of the constellation of the Swan and the excess of the latter in the Green The late Samuel Bowles once told is the other; and I have known people she never thought, when athing was to us. Its distance is said by some to be se done, which particular hand ought to three times as great as that of the nearto it, but the one nearest the object est star, which lies twenty millions of Southern States the same preponder-millions of people were eager for the insok hold of it and did the office to million

trangs one trade, even if I knew ten millions of millions of miles. o ...end a chair that refuses to stand up him as a specimen star, rong, only because it needs a few tacks of a bit of leather here and there.

enting the best stereoscopes, too!"

Tuited States, when an old man, as an electric light. suckles and straps about his horses shen an accident occurred, while the

low to row a boat and handle a sail.

HAD THE DROP ON THEM "What is the sate?" whispered a Red Gulch miner with a single \$20 gold piece to the deacon with the collection late in the Baptist Church at Black Run, Col. He was told to contribute whatever he chose, whereupon he said re'd chip in a dollar, and proceeded to ake \$19 change. The deacon softly reblied that no change was given. A truggle ensued, the plate was upset, and the congregation was in the act of immoing the deacon's claim," when the minister, an old Californian, leaned wer the pulpit with a large navy revolver and observed : "The brethren will please take notice that I've got the drop on them, and any brother who declines to go to his seat or who touches any of that money will have a funeral at his house to-merrow at 2 o'clock p. m. Our mining friend from Red Gulch will kindly release the deacon's throat, or he

THE YOUNG.

is a dead man."

To accustom the young to be and to to is more important than to induce there to learn and to know. What they bink out with their own thoughts and work out with their own hands is worth hir more to them than any amount of passive reception of other men's thoughts he doings, even through the very best books or the best teachers. Let the fild feel, not merely that he is preparg 1 something in the future, but that living a true and real life in the present, taking his own share of work and respectfully, strengthening his powers by antinual action, and building up his charager by continual

WHEN Beaconsfield was young the best man .- Boston Journal of Chem-Duke of Rufland sneered at him. L. istry. raeli had a long memory. Returning from Berlin in triumph, after years, somebody said he would be made a "I, a Duke!" he exclaimed, with feigned resentment, "make me a Duke! Why, Rutland's a Duke!"

IT is a time-honored custom in Quin-T. Fin., to salute a newly-married souple by firing a cannon. This o remind those present that the batthe of life has fairly begun.

SUNS. be Distance from the Earth to the Sun and the Pixed Stars—The Spaces Full of

[Prof. Richard A. Proctor.] When we look at the skies on a calm, clear night, when all the myriads of stars are shining the least thoughtful mind is impressed with the idea that a solemn calm reigns there. One is mclined to believe that all those suns are in a state of perfect rest. The astronomer sees that they move. They have several different movements. These. however, are only apparent. The turnenergy and noise. It is absolutely notinng compared with what is going on in or own sun, set beside it, would seem

cartinis absolutely known. For instance, can astronomer, Peters, makes it only I would learn the art of using tools of twice as iar. Hence, between the two and Mississippi. It is noticeable that in demand; it was sold in Eugland as well twee as lar. Hence, between the two district of Columbia there are over as in America, and all the newspapers of

here would be no occasion for me to The trouble is that astronomers caunow it when I grow up. What a pleas not get space enough to work upon. Twit is in after life to be able to make No case line of sufficient length can be frame a favorite engraving that the sun would be a small star beother. What a loss not to know how of the first magnitude, but we shall take

tance of between 92,000,000 and 93,000,we should lose a finger in the oper- that enormous distance. A cannon ball shot from a Krupp gun would be thirteen It is a pleasant relaxation every day years, if it could maintain the same rate way books and studies and work an of speed throughout the entire distance. our or two in a tool shop; and my Even light, which travels with a velocity ort in "mending things," when his act- Hence, the sun is not in the place where we brain needs repose, that he some- he seems to be. He is just as far away sees that he may have the relief of put- travel in eight and one-quarter minutes, ould not help adding: "Yes, and in- distance at a rate infinitely greater than the velocity of light,

ould crush us and the entire

scend com his carriage and rearrange We inquire whence the sun gets his power of making heat. It was once supposed that the sun was fire. But even Jumsy coachman stood by in hopeless if it were of the best burning substance nactivity, not knowing the best thing it would be used up in 5,000 years. The to be done. The ex-President told me latest theory is that the sun's heat is deat such things on a rived from its own gravitating power exof the earth

> be very old; ak more. he seems. think the surface we look upon is clouds, and that the sun in reality is much smaller than the surface we view.

Absolute health is attained only by the symmetrical development of all parts of the body. The man with muscles of steel and a diseased heart cannol be said to be in good health, and diseases of the stomach, heart and nervous system are often-it may even be said isually-produced by that system of development known as training. At a recent rowing match in Philadelphia, two plucky lads in contesting boats fainted as soon as the race was over. Their condition, which was apparently good, was actually abnormal, and their systems gave way because the strain which their muscles met was too great for their vital functions, A similar but more serious calamity occurred at Sag Harbor. A Brooklyn lad who had taken part in a pedestrian contest, when removed from the track, fell down dead. He had prepared himself for walking and running, and depleted his vital organs to build up his limbs. When the strain

same the impoverished and most important part gave way. The severe nusenlar exercise of college athletes has carried off many fine young men by consumption, heart disease and other disorders, directly traceable to the absurd overwork required of their bod ies. There is a limit of human endurance. The limit is reached when the body is impaired in one quarter to benefit special organs. The severity of the test by which athlete prizes are won seems designed rather to award to him

colors do not an, the secret is to wash be the aim of every man. in a somplather ver quickly, wring thoroughly and then non. o that it dries at

who is the least healthy, because more

unevenly developed, than to the really-

SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS. In popular tradition it has for a long

sern floures of the census show lowing: that the exact number of superabundant sise and tumult. Go into some many with Mr. Thomas Otway, "Oh, woman! motion, where there is a scene of great perman; we had been brutes without you" -or is it pleasant to record on behalf of he depths of space. We are able to that woman is "destructive, damnable, anderstand this when we know that the descritful woman"—that there is a detars are so far away. The nearest of crease in percentage under the consus of vania, it may be remarked, contains body? Why, a novel is said to have magnitude. The star which is consul- which is an increase of 163 on 100,000 lished for 40,000,000 people. mont, the females outnumber the males, third or fourth thousand. is said to be the second in distance from Mountain State is only 1,890. In the Middle States the females outnumber except in West Virginia, Florida, Texas doubtless due to the fact that the Treas-mented on it. ury Department is in Washington, When the West is reached the proporperson who had not read it—or who did walter scott and better the saying is a continued for the calculation by triangutions change. In every Western State not say he read it. I forget which. And the males are far in excess of the females. It is a second to be able a Chri than present to a kind, dear side one of them. The sun is not a star 43,090; in Kansas, by 77,484; in Neads, by 21,761, and so on. From this statement of the preponderance of the I am ournesive piece of wood, ten to hour would be 500 years in traversing relations are sought the greater will the excess of males be found, and it reaches its maximum in those States and Terrimend, the learned and lovable Prof. Ol- wholly beyond conception, takes eight hire was a good place to be born in be- borrow it or get it from the library. ver Wendell Holmes, finds such a com- and one quarter minutes in reaching us. | cause it was a good place to emigrate from explains, in a great measure, the imes breaks a piece of furniture on pur- from where he seems to be as he can glaud, where the manufactories attract female labor, while the males follow ing it together again much better than which is 9,000 miles. And this leads us Horace Greeley's advice. The South was before. He is as good a mechanic to the important thought that, if gravity presents the best example of the nors he is a poet; but there is nothing me- traveled at only the same rate, the whole : mal state of the sexes. It has, comparhanical about his poetry, as you all solar system would be thrown out of tively speaking, few manufactories, know who have read his delightful gear. The planets would have their immigration or emigration, and there sieces. An English author not long ago aid to me: "Prof. Holmes is writing the best English of our times." And I from the sun. Hence, gravity traverses of the Soul in States, however, the ine population since the last eable, and it is in the seccrease of have attracted settlers and tions w one-third the in some of the Western States-an in- Goldsmith. "Johnson was an odious minished income," And it was his d aansas and 4 in Dakota, thus showing

> that they are becoming quieted down into a settled life-a married life, so to speak .- Philadelphia Times. THE HOSPITABLE BELGIANS.

The Belgians are the only nospitable people still remaining in full think nothing of asking a perfect stranto join their family circle in a five ites' negualitance. If, therefore, a traveler stops in any place where a wedding or christening is going on, it generally depends on himself whether he will one of the guests or not. Not long ago I had gone to bed at a Belgian inn. when I heard a resolute knocking at my chamber door, and some giggling as of some laughing girls outside. It was about 11:30 o'clock p. m., and I got up, DANGERS OF ATHLETIC TRAINING. much wondering what could be the mat-

> The landlord had sent his daughter nd some of her young friends to ask if would join a midnight pilgrimage they were about to make to the shrine of a ...cigliboring saint in fulfillment of a romise they had made to a deceased lative. I got up, joined the party, d it was certainly the jolliest pilgrimge I ever saw or heard of. We walked ong some country roads by starlight, singing songs which were not of a paricularly saintly character, and when e had accomplished the object of our ission in a quaint old chapel where the aint worshiped, we wandered out to a cturesque village and ate hot rolls and sh butter with some excellent coffee. As we returned by rail in the early

> mmer morning, the whole family onnection, and treated me entirely as inbourg is, if possible, still more patrihal in the manner of its people, and a an I know was invited by some people onth at their chateau. What is peraps still stranger is that he went, was ally well received, and that the immptu acquaintance thus formed arned out to be mutually satisfactory. giam is now by far the cheapest e in Europe, except some of the ree parts of Italy; and in Belgium or the Duchy of Luxembourg the fare is crywhere excellent, while in Italy one may have to live on macaroni and toma-

THERE is no place in the wide world like home. It is the dwelling place of Parmotheren Handkercuters. - To our heart's treasures, and the first of our wash a fine cambric handkerchief, em- lives we owe to it and its inmates. To broidered in colored silks, so that the make it pleasant and attractive should

ses .- London Times

Do you wish to master any science or once. There hould be no sosking, and accomplishment? Give yourself to it, the embroidered corner ke out of and it lies beneath your feet. Time the water as much as possible. Alittle and pains will do anything. This world alum in the water will make the process is given as the prize for the men in

THE READING HABIT. Charles Dudley Warner says, in

time been held that there was an army Christian Union, that the extent of the Helle of spinsters 40,000 strong in the good reading habit is overestimated. Even in 1sh to our own on the w did Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the United States, where the habit of read- a small annuity, lived i nd they all yearned for husbands and ing is most prevalent, few of the populates. Low as his cree btained none, Popular tradition in lation read a book. In support of his managed to get consider this case is nearly correct. The opinion, Mr. Warner brings out the fol- and the visits of his c Nearly everybody takes a daily snatch quent and pressing. The man was not males in the Bay State is 66,062. at the newspapers, at the summary of an early riser, and persons who special Further contemplation of the census news or at the telegraph columns, and ly wanted to find him at home would tables reveals other facts concerning the tables reveals other facts concerning the the base-ball record, and occasionally clative number of males and females of persons follow for days the columns deang of the earth upon its axis and its the human kind-facts that are striking voted to some singular accident or curigot the earth upon its axis and its way. The total number of males ous murder—even women have acquired movements to appear. The astronomet in the country is 25,520,584. The ferecognizes the stars as in one sense atill males number 888,298 less. This is said the morning journal; comparatively few or fixed. But the star depths a c tall of to record—on behalf of those who think, of the entire population, even the educated read books lovely woman ! nature made thee to tem- Unless a book by some good luck be comes a fashion, and is recommended in conversation, few see it : the number of those who think, with the same Otway, people who originally seek out the read able book from their habit of craving is very small. When a story becomes the fashion. of the stars lies at such a distance that 1870 of 1,282 on the 100,000. Pennsyle everybody reads it; but who is every

be an ordinary star of the second 2,136,635 males and 9,516 more females, "run" if 10,000 copies of it are pulared the nearest to us is Alpha Centauri, over the census of 1870. Taking the And there are books that "everybody think I am justified in saying that it sections of the country it is seen that in has read, and all the newspaper thank I am pastified in saying that it is the only one whose distance from the every New England State, except Vertaik of, "which have not got beyond the

capital book on the far West at the tim-

Never did a book seem to be in greater 10,000 more females than males; but this is both countries quoted from it and com- for thinking, and I can't think for slap

Mr. Bowles said that he never met : person who had not read it-or who did the temales by 30,091; in Indiana, by of everybody? Fifteen thousand filled culties crowded upon him and it was for

I believe that the majority of business men read a book very rarely; the ma- of parting from "these dumb creatures" In the first place, the sun lies at a dis- sexes in the sections named it will be jority of young men in business and in moved him more than any other painful seen that the females are inexcess in the society, I fancy, read little—they do not reflections; and he could only hope by not us caunot even drive a nail 000 miles from the earth. A train of older and more firmly settled portions give their evenings to reading, and are "there may yet be those who, loving and should we attempt to saw cars going at the rate of twenty miles an of the country; while further west the not apt to take up a book unless it becomes the talk of society.

money on dress, on dinners, on amuse- tions referred to the management of his tories where settlement is most recent ments, would think it extravagant to dogs; and again and sgain, during hiand the hardships of life greatest. Dan- buy a book, and, if one is commende of Webster's statement that New Hamp- to them, they will wait till they e n

They do not hesitate two minuteabout an ordinary \$2 dinner, but they disproportion of the sexes in New Eu- will wait mouths to borrow a 50 cent | last hopeless journey that he spoke to

Says an English paper; Pitt tol.

Wilberforce, respecting Bishop Butler's great work, "You may prove anything blockhead," if we believe Dr. Johnson. capital that it is most so. Another Major" by Lord Auchinlee. "He has "so large that I am always afraid the point to note is the increase of females nothing of the bear but the skin," said look too large and too feudal for my 4 in California, 16 in Montana, 5 in ace Walpole; Mr. Thomas Carlyle rate poet," quoth Johnson, "I have been reading Grav's works, and I think him the only poet since Shakspeare entitled to the character of the sublime," | and physical frailty of our girls, as con wrote Cowper. "The first of solume pared with those of other countries, ha ran tells us that "Edmund Burke's ican girls, through inattention to t mind was like an over-decorated chapel way of carrying themselves, uncosopher in practice the world ever saw," Fall' into English." "The luminous of Gov. Alston, of South Carolina, wro. page of Gibbon," said Sheridan; though as follows on this subject: the wit afterward declared he meant

> THE MODESTY OF GENIUS. When Sir Walter Scott became famous

e became a lion of the first breed People visited him, wrote to him for advice, and otherwise took possession of im, as they hid claim to pretty nearly very celebrity in those days. Ambitious literary beginners were especially numerus among his correspondents. They never prepaid their letters, of course, so that, in those days of high postage, his correspondence never cost him less than \$1,000 a year.

On one occasion a mighty package same by post from the United States, for which Scott had to pay £3 sterling. emed to have accepted me into their it contained a manuscript play called "The Cherokee Lovers," by a young of themselves. The Duchy of Lux- lady of New York, who begged Scott to read and correct it, write a prologue and pilogue, get it put on the stage at Drury ane, and negotiate with Constable or had never seen before to pass a Murray for the copyright. In a fortnight another package, quite as formidable, arrived, which poor Scott paid the same ruinous postage on, in order to hiscover a duplicate copy of "The Cherokee Lovers," with a note from the anthoress, stating that the weather had been so stormy, etc., she had judged it safe to forward a double of her precious few): "You should write so that the play, for fear the first might have been

ost on the voyage. eception-in the fire.

And the good things of this world are give to others, we enjoy s we can use, and no mo

New, and truly sincere ation: "Mr. and Mrs. avor of your presents at eir daughter."

OPPORTUNITIES are ings; if you slight the ut, you seldom see thei

ago ther editors in the hope of getting their money were for-One morning a neighbor knocked at the

door, and insisted on the man's wife

rousing her husband and compelling him to settie an account. She accordingly went upstairs, woke STABLES her husband, and failing, as usual, to get any money, said, rather sharply. I wonder, John, how you dan he aboring there when you owe all the mone he said, "if. I do one money; but, turning round for another energy, he add ed. "I sometine do wonder how the oan sleep that ! e-e money to." A sin ilar contrast between an anxious min and an easy one I once heard from a stranger in a train, who was telling me of an interview which, soon after he s t up in business for himself, he had wah age. Give me a call a friend who, having been in business a little more than a year, was already hopelessly insolvent and had severa writs out against him, and yet seemed perfectly calm and unconcerned. "I said to him," added my companion, "I wonder how ever you manage to take things as easy as you do. Why, I can pay 20 shillings in the pound, and v. often and often I can't sleep for think ing." "Ah," he said, "that's just the difference between us. You can't see

ing."-Leisure Hour.

WALTER SCOTT AND HIS DOGS. a time in his mind whether it would n't he hest to sell Abbotsford the thought mine." Before he started as an invali-People who spend a great deal of for Naples, one of his written instrucforeign sojourn, he gave strict, tende: and minute injunctions to Laidlaw, h steward, to be "very careful of the popeople and the dogs," He was always thinking of them. It was during this the large Danish hound which, stranger though he was, fawned upon him at the AUTHORS OPINIONS OF AUTHORS. Castle of Bracciano of his "fitness as a accompaniment to such a castle;" bu that he himself had "barger dogs a home, though may be not so good by analogy." Sydney Smith says the natured to strangers." It was in Naples man nature," according to Byran; "s home;" while he would confide to S. William how he had "two your Johnson himself was dubbed "Ursa fine favorite dogs, Nimrod and Bran" round his chair and began to foudle has praises him as "a mass of genuine man- and lick his hands, while their dyinbood." "Sir, I don't think Gray a first- master smiled or sobbed over them.

PUT YOUR SHOULDERS RICK. Much of the proverbial slender ... Warton of Goldsmith, been charged to intellectual habits an 'An inspired idiot," says Horace Wal overwork in study. It is unquestiona pole; while Bishop Percy speaks of his true that they need outdoor life and mo slegant and enchanting style." Cur- education in development. Many Am filled with gauds and shows and budly sciously contract the habit of bringi assorted ornaments." Sir James Mack- the shoulders forward and stooping intosh held he was "the greatest phil. This position not only defracts great from their appearance, but it is also ver There could not," said Porson, "be a pernicious in point of health. The cepetter exercise for a schoolboy than to ebrated Aaron Burr, in a letter to h turn a page of Gibbon's 'Decline and daughter Theodosia, afterward the wit

"Your habit of stooping and bringing your shoulders forward upon your brew not only distigures you, but is alarmin. on account of your health. The contanance of this vile habit will certain produce consumption. Then farew pleasure, farewell life! This is no exa geration, no fiction to excite your app nensions. And, setting aside this co tressing consideration, I am astoni-h that you have no more pride in your a: pearance; you will gertainly stint you growth and disfigure your person.

There is reason to believe that Miss Burr gave heed to this admonition of her good father, for she afterward be came renowned for her beauty as well a for superior mental endowments and ccomplishments.

Scene at Continent of Eureaul : English party at card table—" Hello, we are two to two." English party at opposite to ble-"We are two to two, too." G man spectator, who "speaks English, to companion who is acquiring the lenguage-"Vell, now you see how dis is Off you want to gife expression to your self in English all you have to do is to blay mit der French horn !"

Professor (to student who writes, no for the masses, but for the educated most ignorant of your sudience car "The Cherokee Lovers" got a warm (puzzled): "What part of my product ::. inderstand all you can say." Studen is not clear to you, sir?"

o fu ther good to us that as they are man" four times during a five-act play at the theater, and on each occasion re med with an aromatic breath, did not adderstand why he was called a fourave clover.

"WHAT," asked the teacher, "was greatest obstacle Washington en I in crossing the Delaware? bad boy thought for a en made answer, "The

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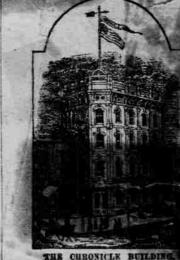
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